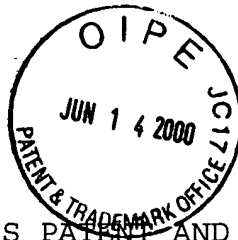


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KENTARO YANO ET AL. ) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 09/332,103 ) : Group Art Unit: 2722  
Filed: June 14, 1999 ) :  
For: QUANTIZATION METHOD, ) :  
AND RECORDING APPARATUS ) :  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM ) :  
USING THE SAME ) : June 13, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is  
directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form  
PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the  
non-English documents is enclosed.

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:


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09/188,318	11/10/98	2852

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of the cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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